

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Cheng et al. )  
 ) GROUP ART UNIT: 1638  
SERIAL NO.: 09/459,022 )  
 ) EXAMINER: G. Helmer  
FILED: December 10, 1999 )  
 ) CONF. NO.: 9594  
TITLE: An Improved Efficiency )  
Agrobacterium-Mediated )  
Plant Transformation Method )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 22, 2004**

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004. The claims have been amended and the current status of the pending claims is set forth in the following section. Remarks in response to the rejections presented in the Office Action follow the claim status.

In a separate Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants have requested and paid the fee for a three-month extension of time. Thus, this response is timely filed by March 22, 2005. If the fee is missing or insufficient, or if any additional fees are required for any reason under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby requested to grant any extensions of time needed and to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 13-4125. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** and **REMARKS** follow.